

Rashleigh china

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Name: Mary Lou McBride

Email Address: mmcbride009@gmail.com

Subject: Warner, Mitchell, Stiles, and Williams descendant

Message: I have a set of Havilland Limoges China which was purchased by my paternal grandmother, Bertine Warner Mitchell from Viola Rashley in 1947. The China was originally a wedding anniversary gift from MS Rashley's grandfather to his wife. MS Rashley's grandfather was mayor of Carbondale twice.

Would the museum be interested in the China?

My great grandfathers and grandfather worked for the D&H railroad. My dad worked at the lumberyard when he was young. Four generations of Warners/Mitchell's resided at 208 Belmont St. until 1959. I remember walking to school at John Marshall.



S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>

Thu,
Nov 2,
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to mmcbride009

November 2, 2023

Dear Mary Lou:

The Carbondale Historical Society would be honored / very pleased / thrilled /delighted to become the guardians of the Rashleigh Haviland Limoges China.

Thank you very much for thinking of us as a possible home for this important china.

Alice Rashleigh was a close friend of my mother's parents (Ora and William Russell), and, believe it or not, there is a recipe in my mother's recipe file titled: "Alice Rashleigh's Pickled Beets."

Sincerely,

S. Robert Powell, President
Carbondale Historical Society
570-282-0385

Mary Lou McBride

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AM

to me

Dear Robert,

I have a letter from Alice Rashleigh written to my grandmother, Bertine, mentioning the history of the China.

My apology for misspelling and the incorrect name.

My grandmother and Alice Rashleigh were also friends. My grandmother played bridge and was very active in the Episcopal church and community until relocating to Jackson, MS.

It's likely that our grandmothers would have known each other.

Thank you for your response. It's nice to know that some family history will be preserved.

Best Regards,

Mary Lou (Mitchell) McBride
601 906-0096

S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>

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AM

to Mary Lou McBride

November 3, 2023

Mary Lou:

Attached is a newspaper item that I wrote about Alice Rashleigh in 2009.

Alice Rashleigh was a sterling example of everything that is good about Carbondale.

Sincerely,

Robert

Attachment: page 1000 in 2023 Journal